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Grant, Lee, Appomattox April 9, 1865-April 9, 1914

Forty-nine years ago day before yesterday, Lee the Confederate Chieftain, surrendered at Appomattox Court House to Grant, the Captain of the Union army, and the greatest war of modern times was ended.

Gathering about him his best troops and most trusted officers, Lee had contested every inch of ground in his efforts to protect the fall of Richmond and the dismemberment of the Southern Confederacy. His skirmishes, attacks and retreats had been executed with consummate skill; but opposed by superior numbers and with God Almighty against him, with his army half starved, half clad and disintegrating, with the Southern Confederacy subjugated in the Southerner's heart and the president of the Confederacy, fleeing in disguise from place to place, he saw the absolute folly of continuing the hopeless struggle and the further sacrificing of the lives of these brave but mistaken men, and surrendered accordingly at Appomattox on the 9th of April 1865.

The magnanimity of the conquerors toward the conquered partly alleviated the sting of defeat. When the Union Army marched into Richmond they found that the city was in flames and Negro soldiers from the Union army soon extinguished the fire and stopped the plunder begun by their masters. A similar attempt had been made to burn Charleston and Columbia, and was partly successful. The white people of the South—the ruling class—proud, arrogant, self assertive, though their leader, John C. Calhoun, had attempted more than three quarters of a century ago to bring about secession and rebellion; but the lynx-eyed man with the iron hand was watching him ready to strike him down. In that memorable debate, called the battle of the giants, South Carolina and Massachusetts had crossed swords in the greatest forensic duel fought on American soil. With rhetorical brilliancy and power, Hayne the champion of the Southern white people, had for two days controlled the floor of the United States Senate; and with fluent and melodious elocution, with insolent assurance, and plausible sophistry, backed by a band of bold and vindictive followers con founded almost every hearer. When he finished and sat down, the whole nation held its breath in suspense. Then followed the outburst of acclaim on the part of his friends throughout the south.

On Tuesday January 26, 1830—a day memorable ever after Webster, like the war horse spoken of in the Scriptures, "who paweth in the valley, and rejoiceth in his strength;" who goeth on to meet the armed men who sayeth among the trumpets ha, ha! and who smelleth the battle afar off, the thunder of the captains and the shouting, arose and addressed the Senate. "In deep and thrilling cadence as waves upon the shore of the far resounding sea," his swarthy, countenance lighted up with excitement, like Vulcan in his armory forging thoughts for the Gods, he soon had his auditors spellbound. And then with pitiless logic, and eloquence unsurpassed he completely demolished

the supposed impregnable structure of his adversary and captured the entire audience and the whole country, voluntarily or in spite of themselves, by the spell of his unsurpassed forensic eloquence; closing with these memorable words—"Liberty and Union, Now and For ever, One and Inseparable." Webster had mastered and vanquished Hayne. Andrew Jackson had humbled and subdued John C. Calhoun. But the leprosy of slavery was in the blood of the South. Human slavery "the sum of all villainies," caused the war. When Lee surrendered, the black south was freed, the white south whipped but not conquered. What it lost a half century ago in a contest with bullets it has partly regained in a contest with ballots.

To day a southern white man is president of the United States. Five of the white men who constitute his cabinet are Southerners.

The leader of the House of Representatives is a Southern white man.

The leader of the United States Senate is a Southern white man. Some of the most brilliant and most influential members of the two branches of Congress are bitter and unscrupulous southern white Negro haters.

A majority of the governors and legislators in the south, all white, are equally as bitter and vengeful.

The Negro constitutes a majority of the population of the south, but is absolutely without representation. He appears to be standing between Scylla and Charybdis. But God is not asleep. He is raising up even here among the white people of the South, friends who are gradually coming to our rescue and will help us to fight our battles. It is said that immediately after the election of Jefferson Davis as president of the Southern Confederacy, a discussion arose as to the symbol to be placed upon the seal of the state, and some one suggested a bale of cotton with a Negro asleep upon it; and that Jefferson Davis exclaimed—"What if that Negro should wake up?"

He did wake up about fifty years ago, and then soon fell a sleep again. It is now high time for him to again arouse himself from his lethargy and sleep. The first exhortation he received was Educate! Educate! The exhortation he must now heed is Register! Register! Register! God is on your side. Self respecting, liberty loving, God fearing white people need Negroes of intelligence and character and possessing the proper qualifications for citizenship to help them redeem the South and particularly our own dear commonwealth from political tricksters and demagogues. Listen! Listen! You will soon hear the next exhortation Vote! Vote! Vote! God save the Negro! God save us of the South! God save the commonwealth of South Carolina!

The Funeral of Mrs. Fannie Herrington, Sun., Mar. 29.

Bethel A. M. E. Church was crowded to congestion by the throng that attended the funeral of Mrs. Herrington. Grief and sympathy were manifest everywhere. The services were conducted by the pastor Rev. I. J. Pruitt, who delivered a fitting eulogy over the deceased. Other ministers were present and assisted in the service. The floral tribute were numerous and beautiful. A number of her white friends were present and some of them went to the cemetery to pay their last tribute of affection and love. Some of them were in tears. Everybody felt that a good and useful woman had ended her labors here, but had gone to her reward in heaven. Messrs. Ferguson and Morris deserve credit for the manner in which they carried out the funeral arrangements. Both were present to see that the wishes of the family were carried out in every particular. Mr. Ferguson the veteran undertaker, personally superintending the arrangements and exhibiting his usual good taste and judgement in every detail.

OUR CAMDEN NEWS LETTER

The opportunity to become an agent and a correspondent of the Southern Indicator, is highly appreciated and I shall earnestly endeavor to profitably avail myself of it. The Southern Indicator is a great bureau of information to those who are interested in the peculiar questions that are now confronting our Race. Not only will we get race and church news, but general information that is essential to the welfare of the Negro.

Wednesday evening, March 25th, ult., the Jackson Graded School gave an entertainment in its Auditorium for the benefit of the Piano Fund and realized a nice sum. The public is taking a larger interest in this school, and the faculty highly appreciate it.

On Thursday and Friday, April 2nd and 3rd, inst., the Annual Camden Horse Show was held. High class animals were exhibited from Atlanta, Camden, Columbia, Darlington, Greenville and Sumter. Mr. Kirvins' horses of Darlington, carried off the first prize. The second prize

was won by horses of Mr. George Little, of Camden. Other prizes were also presented and this is rated as Camden's best show.

The 35th Annual Thanksgiving Service of the Knights of Pythias, was observed in Camden, on the 5th Sunday evening of March, at Mt. Moriah Baptist Church. Dr. J. H. Thomas was Chancellor and Sir John Meyers Master of Ceremonies. The sermon on this occasion was an excellent one and was delivered by Rev. T. J. Williams, who is a K. of P. and one of Camden's most respected citizens.

C. C. Lowery.

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